

Hello, my name is Tom Behan, owner of Bay Tennis & Fitness and Co-founder of Whole Nutrition and Fitness in Harbor Springs, Mi

Thank you for considering our opinions regarding the repeal of PA333.

This Public Act severely limits jobs and the rights of Michigan citizens to seek out a personalized approach to their nutritional needs.

In our region registered dieticians are not available to the average consumer.

They require a referral, services have little insurance coverage, and tend to be priced out of range for the average person.

Most of the dieticians in our region are employed by private corporations, hospitals, and schools and are not accessible to ordinary folks looking to improve their health.

The public is virtually unaware of what they are consuming, knowing little about what is actually present in the processed foods they are programmed to eat.

The Michigan Dietetic Association has financial ties to the giant food companies that are targeting our children through the media with advertising for unhealthy food.

We need independent voices in the nutrition world not tied to these companies whose products and fast food are the problem.

We don't subscribe to this widespread power and control in the market place, that capitalizes on unsuspecting audiences.

We are here to provide the real food education lacking from their lives.

Our highly trained staff, is continually educated through collegiate and vocational certification programs in the latest trends of fitness, physical rehabilitation, nutrition, and health coaching for the young and the aging.

Our company offers programs that tie together nutrition, exercise, and health coaching to fit busy lives.

Our business model creates jobs and is creating a healthy community, that's how we have been growing our business.

"You're liable for what you sell, and what you do", we adhere to these ethics.

Citizens should have the right to work with whomever they choose to help them make positive change in their lives, and not be forced by law to see someone simply because one private association seeks to monopolize an industry.

We recently hired Steven Kolb, a recent Michigan college graduate, from Spring Arbor University. Raised in Indian River Michigan, Steven majored in Health and Exercise Science.

He wants the opportunity to offer nutritional advice to his clients.

Like many recent graduates with Bachelor Degrees, he has student loan debts preventing him from affording additional certifications.

Luckily, Bay Tennis & Fitness accepts and supports vocational training certification, in the area of nutrition.

His employment with Bay Tennis & Fitness includes financial support for certification programs so that he may offer our clients a well-rounded product.

He gets asked, "What should I be eating to up my game?"

They want a personal answer not a diet list from a book.

He should be able to provide those answers for his clients.

He should be able to create a career that keeps him in our community and allows him to support the people depending on him.

In May of 2013, I hired a U of M Physical Science student, Louie Chamberlain.

He is a well trained individual, seeking out a career in the ever advancing Physical Fitness world.

He knows if it does not involve nutrition, his options and income are severely limited because he needs to help the whole person, and that involves good, healthy, real food choices.

*If these job opportunities are taken away from people like Steven and Louie, why would they stay in Michigan?*

*Why should they stay in Michigan?*

*And what about the citizens ready to take a proactive approach in preventing disease with diet and nutrition?*

*They will just turn to online services from non-monopolized states. Our money will leave this community! And Michigan's health will continue to deteriorate.*

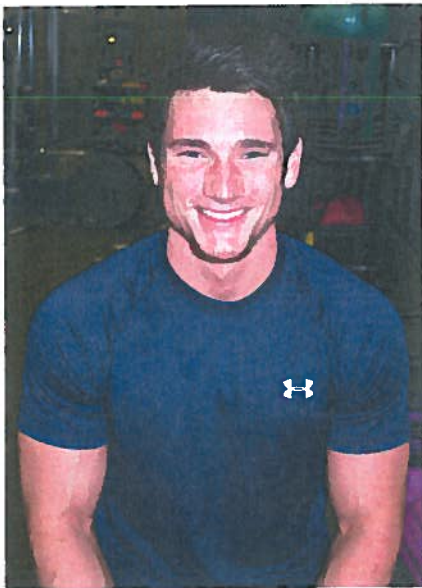
*This repeal is about jobs and about the people in our Northern Michigan community who need an array of options when they are ready to be proactive about their health!*

Yours in Health,

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